

Rocky Oaks

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Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area



A Walk in the Park



Hidden amid houses, roads, and other signs of modern life, Rocky Oaks features a seasonal human-made pond and a variety of plant communities that provide habitat for wildlife.

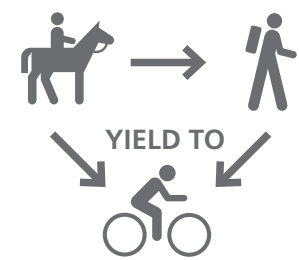
While taking a gentle hike along our loop trails, enjoy vistas of the pond. Once used as a watering hole for the cattle, the pond now supplies drinking water to native animals such as rabbits, coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, and deer. Plants such as tule, cattail, and willow grow in and near the water, while water birds such as buffleheads, mallards, and coots perform take-offs and landings.

Just as humans commute to and from work on roads and highways, animals use the area to rest and commute between other habitats in the Santa Monica Mountains.

The Rocky Oaks parking area is open from 8:00 a.m. – sunset, and the easy trails, picnic area, drinking water, amphitheater, and restrooms make this site a great place to introduce new hikers to a natural area.

The November 2018 Woolsey Fire burned much of Rocky Oaks. Be on the lookout for signs of plants, soil, and animals recovering from the effects of this wildfire.

Information and Safety



TRAIL ETIQUETTE improves everyone’s trail experience. Hikers must yield to equestrians. Equestrians need to communicate with passing hikers and bicyclists. Horses are not allowed to graze or leave the trail. Remove manure from parking areas.

BICYCLISTS must ride courteously and yield to hikers and equestrians. Maximum speed is 15 mph or slower to protect visitor safety. Everyone: if listening to music, wear earbuds. Bicyclists may wear only one earbud.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES including rocks, plants, and animals are protected by law and may not be collected or disturbed. Do not climb on structures. Weapons, nets, and traps are not allowed in parklands.

BE PREPARED by bringing water, food, map or some type of navigation device, a headlamp, and first-aid supplies on your hikes. Be alert for ticks, bees, rattlesnakes, and poison oak.

Wear sturdy footwear, e.g. hiking boots or shoes with good tread. Cell phone reception is largely non-existent in much of this area.

WATER that comes from streams is not safe to drink due to possible contamination or the presence of the giardia protozoan.

WILDFIRE is a year-round concern. Smoking and fires of any kind are not permitted on the trail. For current restrictions and fire danger level, visit www.nps.gov/samo.

TRAIL CLOSURES will be in effect during and following extreme weather or hazardous conditions.

PETS must be under control and on a leash, not to exceed six feet, at all times. Pick up after your pet.

STAY ON ESTABLISHED TRAILS and off of private property.

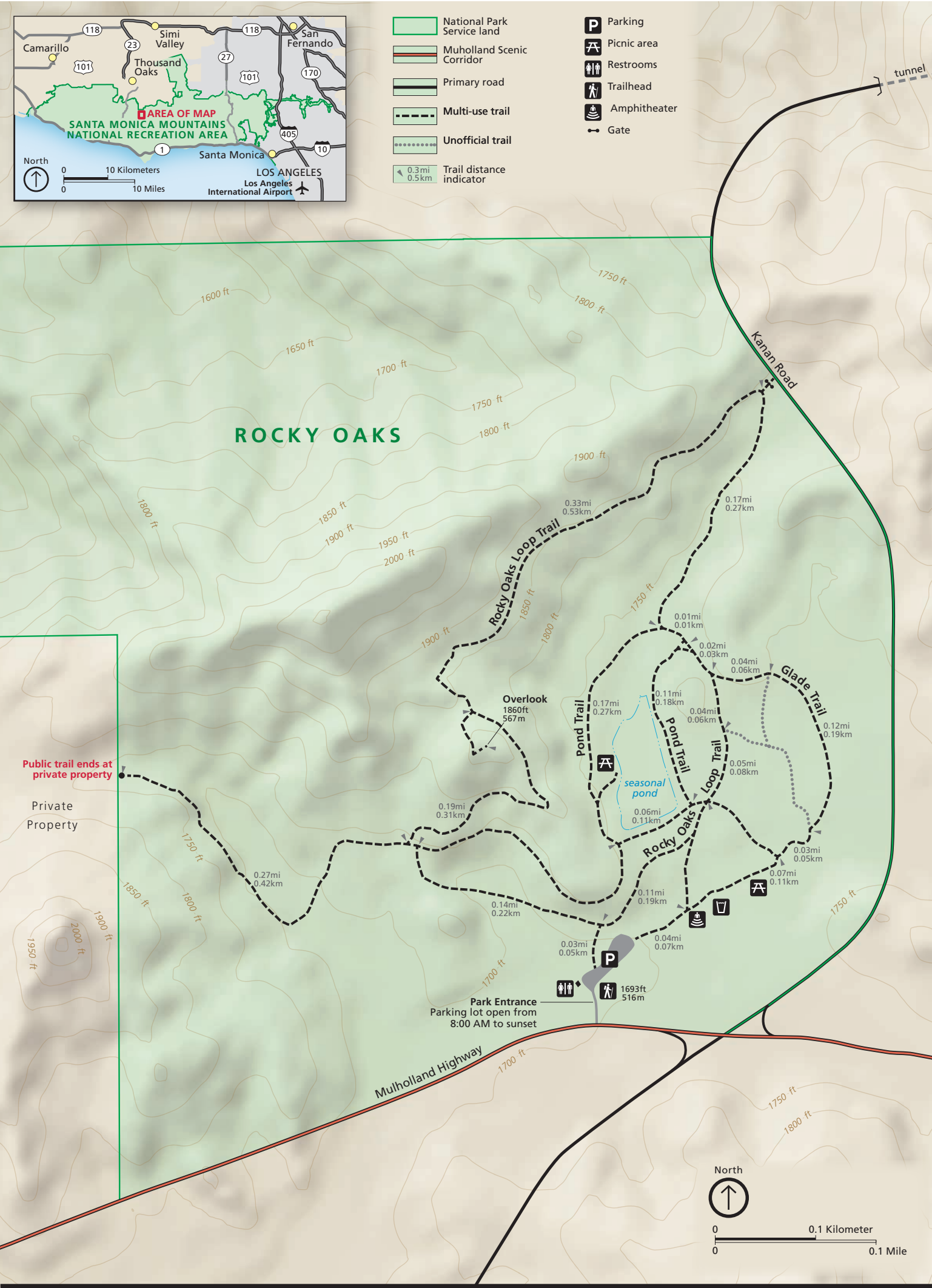
Rocky Oaks
Mulholland Highway and Kanan Road Intersection, west of Kanan on the north side of Mulholland Highway Malibu, CA, 90265



The main parking area is open from 8:00 a.m. – sunset.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas CA 91302
805-370-2301
www.nps.gov/samo

EMERGENCIES
Call 911. For a ranger, call
Santa Monica Dispatch
at 805-370-2399.



Directions to main parking lot (open 8 a.m. to sunset): Ventura Freeway (101) to Kanan Road exit. South on Kanan Road to Mulholland Highway. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Highway and right again into parking lot.

- Easy
- Moderate
- ◆ Strenuous

Rocky Oaks Pond Trail ● 0.4 miles—Stroll around the pond and rest at the water's edge.

Rocky Oaks Loop Trail ● 1.1 miles—Stop, take a deep breath, and smell the sage as you walk along this trail.

Overlook Trail ■ 100 yards—Hike to the top and be rewarded with a panoramic view of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Glade Trail ● 0.3 miles—Look for quail, rabbits and deer mice as you walk through the grassland. Most of the grasses you see today are non-natives such as wild oats. Explore the oak woodland that is a remnant of what once covered much of California.